THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Cantonment Land Administration Rules; 1925 and 1937 were framed under the provisions of Cantonments Act, 1924. These rules contain procedure for management of land, maintenance of land records, reclassification of land, grant of leases for various types and fixing of rent and premium as per Standard Table of Rent. No rent or premium is chargeable as per Standard Table of Rent in respect of old grant properties including Class B-3 land.

(b) The conditions ci? lease govern the transfer of lease hold rights from one lessee to the other. In case of death of a lessee, the transfer takes place by way of normal rules of inheritance, succession, testamentary or otherwise.

(c) Probate is required only in cases of unregistered wills in the event of death of a lessee.

(d) and (e) No, Sir.

(f) and (g) The cantonment authorities recover rent from the lessees of the leased sites as per the terms of lease deeds. As such, there is no question of loss of Government revenue.

Use of defence sensitive areas for films

3139. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formed any rule in declaring defence sensitive areas "prohibited areas ";

(b) whether it is a fact that large number of prohibited areas under defence control are regularly hired out for film movies and serials;

(c) whether it is also a fact that such permissions are granted on stipulated charges;

(d) the total amount received by Defence Ministry during the last three years from the private users of Defence Prohibited Areas;

(e) whether it is also a fact that the rental is collected in the name of "President's Fund"; and

(f) if so, what are the details of the "President's Fund" and the areas where the fund is used"?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) Defence areas are prohibited areas as per the provisions of Sec. 2 (8) of the Official Secretes Act, 1923.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. No defence premises are rented out for film shootings. As per regulations, defence assistance including permission for location shooting in non-vital/ non-seasitive areas for production of film/T. V. serials may be provided in cases where the script is approved as enhancing the image of the defence forces. The assistance is provided on payment of stipulated charges.

(d) Does not arise in view of reply to parts (b) & (c) above. ,

(e) No, Sir. The charges for providing assistance are deposited in the Government account.

(f) Does not arise in view of reply to part (e) above.

Repairing of Coast Guard Vessels

3140. SHRI SATISH PRADHAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of Base Repair Organisations, established for repairs of coast guard vessels;

(b) whether it is a fact that there had been inordinate delay in establishing a "Base Repair Organisation" in eastern sector thereby incurring avoidable expenditure; and

(c) whether it is also a fact that the East Coast Vessels were repaired at commercial centres?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) So far, no Base Repair Organisation has been established for repair of Coast Guard Vessels.

(b) The building earmarked for the BRO at Madras belonged to Tamil Nadu Fisheries Department. Due to administrative delays, the